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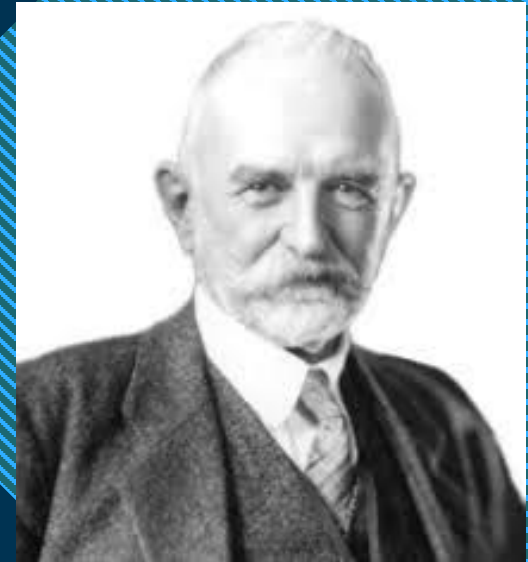
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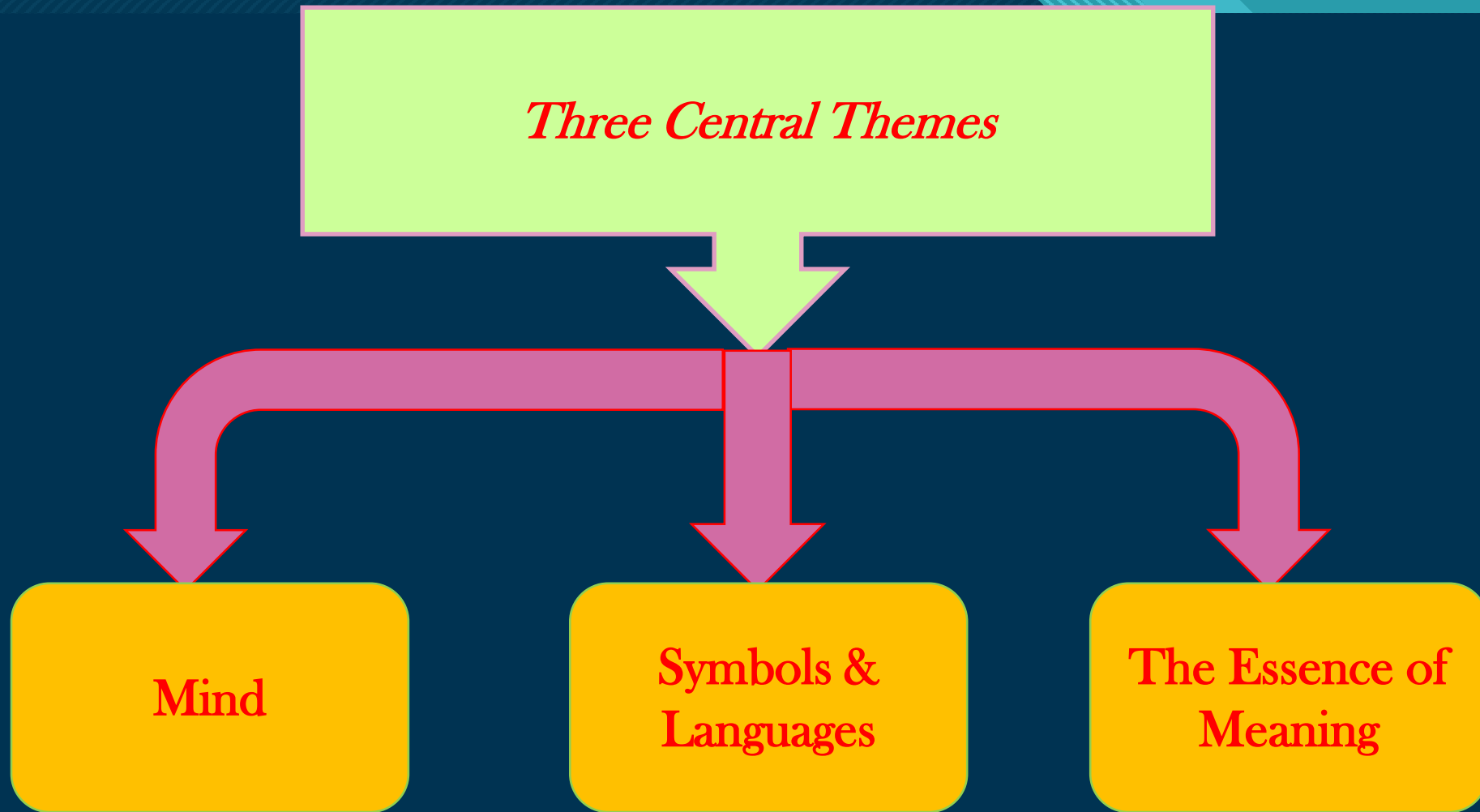
# Mead's Interpretations of the Workings of Human Mind

## Unique Mental Mechanism of Human Mind

To plan consciously and adapt his behavior according to the situation in hand or the goals he has set himself.

To communicate with others. How? Through a wide variety of symbols, the most important of which is language, and interpret the meaning behind what they say, do or indicate in reply.

To be self-conscious; to be aware not only of his own feelings, motives and views but those of others. To be able to take the 'role of the other' and imagine how other people might interpret a particular act or situation and even to imagine how he looks to other people.



### *MIND*

A Process or Behavior that allows for the conscious control of one's actions.

### *SYMBOLS & LANGUAGES*

Through which we point out objects to ourselves and orient our behavior.

### **MEANING AS A 'THREEFOLD RELATIONSHIP'**

- (a) An Individual Gesture.
- (b) The adjustive response by another to that gesture.
- (c) The completion of the social act initiated by the gesture of the first individual.



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